Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] Waveland Ave.

We are now living at:

Address: [redacted] Tea Garden Road

City Huntsville State AL Zipcode 35802

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

Fred (Freddie) [redacted]

Judy, my sweetheart and wife-to-be

Elliot + Claire, my son and daughter who are college students at USA/S

Our Katrina experience was:

See attached sheets.

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

I want to see Waveland and its good people come back to the richness of life it has always known. I would like a FEMA trailer in my yard to stay in while I repair my home. I would like funding sources or assistance to repair my home and restore it.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

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Attachment to Letter of
Fred [redacted]
Waveland home at [redacted] Waveland Ave

Our Katrina Experience was:
I inherited this home from my parents and have looked forward for years to retire in Waveland, my home. This property has been in my family for many years. My house in Waveland received heavy damage, but it is restorable. All contents were lost. Repairs will cost tens of thousands. My home was paid for, but was not in a flood zone and was not insured. I am 65, was about to retire, and had begun to move things there two weeks before Katrina hit. I grew up in Waveland and have known the goodness and love of so many wonderful people and especially family there. I love the town as my parents, my family, and my ancestors before me did. I still have relatives and friends there. My heritage and roots are in Waveland. I have had to postpone my retirement now, pending the restoration of my Waveland home and pending so many questions about repairs, financing, etc. I have been working hard to clear mud and ruins from my home and hopefully restore it to a livable condition, but it is a slow, hard, and painful process. Although I lost a lot from Katrina, my situation is not nearly as bad as those in Waveland who now have no home at all there or did not have a second home as I have in Huntsville, AL. They are so many, and their plight is so sad. We have all suffered severe and painful losses. The time when I am in Waveland working on my home there, it is very difficult. Living in Waveland now is not easy and the work is very hard. But I have the hope, determination, and inherited will of my Waveland ancestry to bring my home back as my ancestors did many times in the past.

Fred [redacted]